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PLANNING DIVISION

Dear Sunnyvale Planning Commission,

We have the following comment on file number 2004-0531. The location of the proposed project is 624 East Evelyn Avenue (APN's 209-13-059 and 209-13-020). The project involves the construction of 47 new town homes.

We have one specific concern about the project. We request that the upper stories of the side of the buildings (specifically, the part of the building which rises above the proposed fence) overlooking Bryan Avenue (our street) not have significant windowing (e.g. no large windows).

A few small windows, for example the kind necessary for bathroom ventilation, shouldn't present a significant privacy issue to residents of Bryan Avenue. The developer may also wish to consider that since the windows under discussion would be south-facing, having large windows on that side of the building would also present issues associated with excessive heating and energy consumption in summer.

It should be said that we also have broader concerns related to any large development project and not necessarily specific to this proposal. For example, do surrounding streets have sufficient capacity to handle the increased traffic? We don't know if the planning commission has the authority to address such "big picture" issues. Even if the commission has the authority, we don't know if there is any realistic solution to such issues. Freezing all new development city wide would not be a realistic solution. We accept that change is part of progress.

Sincerely,

 

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